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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 12 March 1951, there was intensive construction activity at Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield in the eastern extension of the runway. Two road rollers moved back and forth across the field and trucks continually hauled earth from the western end of the runway to the construction site.
2. [redacted] (1) The dimensions of the area entered were 150 x 300 meters. [redacted] no decision had been made as to traffic control and rerouting of the Spreewald railroad line. [redacted] a new airfield was under construction near Vetschau (N 52/A 37). (2)
3. A tank car seen on the spur track of the Cottbus main station [redacted] was being shunted to the field.
4. On 16 March, six PG-2s were parked in front of the hangars at the airfield. Seven more PG-2s practiced flying between 1 and 2:15 p.m. All of the hangars were closed except for one which was empty.
5. According to a newspaper item published by the Volkspolizei Kreisamt Luebben, the Cottbus-Guhrow road is to be permanently blocked for all traffic. Traffic is being rerouted via Limber-Papitz. The blocked road is 9,055 meters long. A wooden fence about 2 meters high blocked the road, shortly behind the intersection, between the Spreewald railroad line and the highway to Burg. The road leading from Cottbus to Dahllitz (N 52/A 47) was also blocked along the southern edge of the field.
6. A radio truck with an antenna about 8 meters high was seen at the take-off point during flying. [redacted] Flying was often practiced at night with a searchlight in operation.
7. Twenty-two twin-engine aircraft were seen parked at the airfield and four more aircraft were observed flying on 23 March. (4)
8. On 27 March, eight twin-engine planes were parked at the field. There was no flying.

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Comments.

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- (1) The information that the E-W runway is being extended toward the east is received for the first time. It was believed from previous information that the airfield was enlarged to the northeast and that a new NE-SW runway was to be built. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] The previous runway has a length of 1,900 meters. Accord- 25X1
 ing to previous information, the runway was to be extended to a total length of 2,200 or 2,300 meters. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] the runway, about 60 meters wide, is to be widened by about 80 meters. It has not been observed that runways of this size in width have been constructed for MiG-15s. It is believed that the airfield is scheduled to be occupied by new types of aircraft, because of the improvement of Cottbus airfield and measures taken, such as blocking of the Cottbus-Guhrow road, disconnection of the Spreewald railroad line, and issuance of passes for persons living in a one km radius of the field.
- (2) No information has been received [redacted] indicating that a new airfield is under construction near Vetschau. The Briesen airfield, located about 20 km northwest of Vetschau, and under construction, is possibly meant. 25X1
- (3) [redacted] 25X1
- (4) This confirms that the field is occupied by bombers. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] it appears that the field is occupied by only one bomber regiment.

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